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PROGRAMME TO RECLAIM SALINE LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to salinity, some area of land in the country is not arable;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any time-bound programme to reclaim such land; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): About 7.6 m.ha. of land is affected by salinity in the country. The State-wise salt-affected soils in the country is annexed.

(c)&(d): A Joint Central Team had visited the States of West Bengal, Gujarat &Andhra Pradesh. Based on the recommendations, a pilot project for the States of West Bengal, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa has been formulated & forwarded to Planning Commission for their consideration for the treatment of salt affected soils.

ANNEXURE

Statement showing the State-wise status of the Salt affected soils in the country

S.No.	State/UT	Area (`000 ha.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	240
2.	Bihar	4
3.	Gujarat	1042
4.	Haryana	526
5.	Punjab	718
6.	Karnataka	404
7	Kerala	117
8.	Madhya Pradesh	242
9.	Maharashtra	534
10.	Orissa	404
11.	Rajasthan	1000
12.	Tamil Nadu	104
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1295
14.	West Bengal	986
	Total	7616